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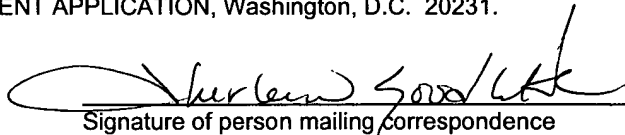
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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**  
**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
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Re: New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: QUALITY OF SERVICE BASED TRANSITIONING  
BETWEEN ALTERNATE TRANSPORT PATHS  
Inventors: Kevin R. Smith, Theodore E. Edwards, and Richard L. West

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

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1. Application - 39 pages, including 14 independent claims and 66 claims total.
2. Drawings - 6 sheets of informal drawings.
3. Please charge the \$2,446 filing fee to our Deposit Account 06-0916. A duplicate of this letter is attached.

This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f). Applicants await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration.

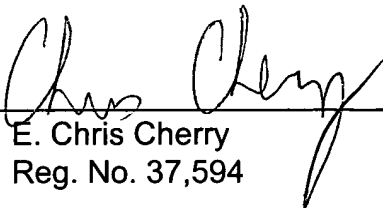
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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